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1 Introduction

In this chapter will be presented the problem specification and the hypothesis under which the database is implemented.

1.1. Problem Specification

This project aims to build a database that handles scientific articles contained in the DBLP bibliography. In this project session, our work will be focused on *Spark* technology. The focus is on creating a database which allows efficient information retrieval from the publications citation network.

The main collections analyzed in the project are Authors, Publication and Venue.



2 | Conceptual Model

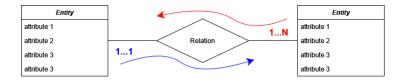


Figure 2.1: ER Diagram Organization

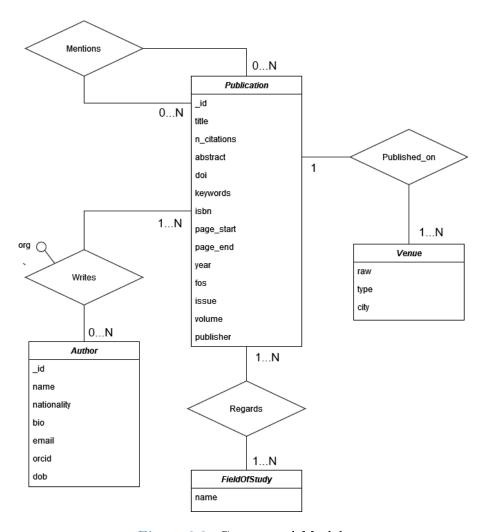


Figure 2.2: Conceptual Model

The conceptual model just showed contains 6 main entities, that are related to each other through various relationships:

- Publication: represents all the scientific articles. Its attributes are: _id, title, n_citations, abstract, doi, keywords, isbn, page_start, page_end, year, fos, issue, volume, publisher and its organization will be presented later
- Author: it is the one who contributed to a publication. Its attributes are: _id, name, nationality, bio, email, orcid, dob (date of birth)
- **Venue:** it is where a publication is published or presented. Its attributes are: raw, type, city
- **FieldOfStudy:** this entity represents the subjects of the publication and its attribute is *name*

Differences with *MongoDB* conceptual model:

- we add issue, volume and publisher to the *Publication* structure because *Venue* is now an independent collection
- we add field city in Venue structure representing the location of the venue

The designed model contains also the following relationships:

- Mentions: is the relationship between a *publication* and another *publication* cited by the first one
- Published on: is the relationship between a publication and its venue
- Writes: is the relationship between author and publication which features the affiliation property. We decided to design it with org as an attribute of the relationship, due to the fact that it belongs only to a pair of author and publication and it represents the institute where the author worked for the publication
- Regards: is the relationship between a publication and its fields of study

3 Data Structure

In this part of the project we used the same two JSONs used in the MongoDB implementation. We only removed chapters inside articles and _id authors inside articles was renamed as idAuth. Also id and dates were reconverted in plain text because in MongoDB we needed to add them as special entities: oid and date.

This was done via the following lines of script:

- the **first line** is used for the JSON file containing the articles. The script removes **\$oid**, to delete chapters field and to rename authors field *id* into *idAuth*
- the **second line** is used for the JSON file containing the authors. The script removes **\$oid** and **\$date**



4 Dataframe Structure

4.1. Article Structure

```
root
2 |-- _id: string (nullable = true)
3 | -- title: string (nullable = true)
4 | -- authors: array (nullable = true)
      |-- element: struct (containsNull = true)
      |-- idAuth: string (nullable = true)
            |-- org: string (nullable = true)
8 |-- n_citation: integer (nullable = true)
9 | -- abstract: string (nullable = true)
10 |-- doi: string (nullable = true)
11 | -- keywords: array (nullable = true)
      |-- element: string (containsNull = true)
13 | -- isbn: string (nullable = true)
14 |-- page_start: string (nullable = true)
|-- page_end: string (nullable = true)
16 | -- year: integer (nullable = true)
17 | -- fos: array (nullable = true)
| | | | -- element: string (containsNull = true)
19 | -- references: array (nullable = true)
      |-- element: string (containsNull = true)
21 |-- issue: string (nullable = true)
22 | -- volume: string (nullable = true)
23 | -- publisher: string (nullable = true)
24 |-- venue_raw: string (nullable = true)
```

The structure just shown represents an Article; its attributes are:

- _id is the identifier of a publication.
- title represents the title of the publication.
- authors is an array that contains: idAuth of the authors of the article and the org field which represent the affiliation.

- n citation is the number of times that the publication has been mentioned.
- abstract is a string containing a brief summary of the contents of the paper.
- doi Digital Object Identifier is a persistent and standardized identifier.
- **keywords** is an array containing keywords of the publication.
- **isbn** is an identification code of the venue of the publication.
- page start defines the starting page of the publication.
- page end defines the last page of the publication.
- year represents the year of publication.
- fos is an array containing the fields of study of the publication.
- references set of ObjectIds of the referenced articles.
- issue refers to how many times a periodical has been published during that year.
- **volume** is the volume of the venue in which the article has been published.
- **publisher** is the name of the publisher of the article.
- **venue_raw** is the name or the abbreviation of the venue (regardless the year, issue or volume) in which the publication was presented.

4.2. Author Structure

The structure just shown represents an Author; its attributes are:

- **id** is the identifier of an author.
- name is the name of the author.

- nationality is the nationality of the author.
- articles is a set of articles identifier of the publications of the author.
- bio is a string that describes the author.
- email is the email address of the author.
- **orcid** Open Researcher and Contributor ID is a unique identifier for authors of scientific articles.
- **dob** is the birth date of the author.

4.3. Venue Structure

```
root
| root
| -- raw: string (nullable = true)
| -- type: integer (nullable = true)
| -- artIds: array (nullable = false)
| -- element: string (containsNull = false)
| -- city: string (nullable = true)
```

The structure just shown represents a *Venue*. This dataframe was obtained using data imported from the article JSON shown before. *Venue* attributes are the following:

- raw is the name or the abbreviation of the venue (regardless the year, issue or volume) in which the publication was presented.
- type indicates the type of the publication.
- artIds is a set of articles identifier associated to the venue.
- city represents the location of the venue an it is randomly populated.

4.4. Dataframe Dimensions

In order to show the number of *Authors* and *Articles* in our collections, we used the two following lines of code:

5 Commands and Queries

5.1. Commands

We have identified the following INSERT and UPDATE commands to show the system basic functionalities.

5.1.1. Insert a new author

Assuming it is not present in the dataset, we created a new row with the values for the new author and we added it to the dataframe.

```
new_author = Row(
      _id="638db170ae9ea0d19fad7a79",
      name="Emanuele Delle Valle ",
      nationality="it",
      articles=[],
      bio="Emanuele Della Valle holds a PhD in Computer Science from the \
          Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and a Master degree in Computer
                                       Science\
          and Engineering from Politecnico di Milano. He is associate
                                       professor\
          at the Department of Electronics, Information and Bioengineering
          the Politecnico di Milano.",
1.0
      email="emanuele.dellavalle@gmail.com",
      orcid="0000-0002-5176 -5885",
12
      dob = datetime.strptime("March 7, 1975", "%B %d, %Y")
1.3
 )
14
16 df_authors = df_authors.union(spark.createDataFrame([new_author], schema
                                        = schemaAuthors))
```

5.1.2. Insert a new article

Assuming it is not present in the dataset, we created a new row with the values for a new article written by the author created in section 5.1.1. In order to set the authors, we instantiated an array new_authors.

```
new_authors = [Row("638db170ae9ea0d19fad7a79", "Politecnico di Milano")
                                        , Row("638db170ae9ea0d19fad7a7a", "
                                        Politecnico di Milano")]
  new_article = Row(
      _{id} = "638db237d794b76f45c77916"
      title="An extensive study of C-SMOTE, a Continuous Synthetic
                                        Minority Oversampling Technique for
                                        Evolving Data Streams",
      authors = new_authors,
      n_citation=3,
      abstract = "Streaming Machine Learning (SML) studies algorithms that
                                         update their models,\
          given an unbounded and often non-stationary flow of data
                                        performing a single pass. Online \
          class imbalance learning is a branch of SML that combines the
                                        challenges of both class imbalance \
          and concept drift. In this paper, we investigate the binary
                                        classification problem by
                                        rebalancing \
          an imbalanced stream of data in the presence of concept drift,
12
                                        accessing one sample at a time.",
          doi = "10.1016/j.eswa.2022.116630",
1.3
      keywords = ["Evolving Data Stream", "Streaming", "Concept drift", "
14
                                        Balancing"],
      isbn="123-4-567-89012-3",
15
      page_start="39",
16
      page_end="46",
      year = 2022,
18
      fos = ["Computer Science", "Stream Reasoning", "Big Data"],
19
      references = [ "53e99fe4b7602d97028bf743", "53e99fddb7602d97028bc085"],
20
      issue="1",
      volume = "196",
22
      publisher="Elsevier",
      venue_raw="ESA"
24
 )
26
```

```
df_articles = df_articles.union(spark.createDataFrame([new_article]))
```

5.1.3. Insert a new venue

Assuming it is not present in the dataset, we created a new row with the values for a new venue ESA hosted in Montreal.

Note: in field artIds we set the article created in section 5.1.2.

```
new_venue = Row(
    raw="ESA",
    type=1,
    artIds=["638db237d794b76f45c77916"],
    city="Montreal"
)
df_venues = df_venues.union(spark.createDataFrame([new_venue]))
```

5.1.4. Insert a new article in his author dataframe

Through this command we inserted the article created in section 5.1.2 to its authors. In order to do that, we selected the authors through the ids and we add the article id to their field articles.

Note: one of the author is the one created in section 5.1.1.

5.1.5. Update the number of citations of referenced publications

Through the following snippet of code is possible to increment the $n_{citations}$ field of the *Publications* referenced by the article created in section 5.1.2.

Note: field n_citations is updated for both the referenced articles.

5.1.6. Deleting an author from the database

Through the following snippet of code is possible to delete an author from the database. In order to do that we started from filtering on the identifier of the author to be removed and we deleted it.

```
df_authors.filter(f.col("_id") == "638db170ae9ea0d19fad7a79").show()
df_authors = df_authors.filter(f.col("_id") != "638db170ae9ea0d19fad7a79
")
```

5.2. Queries

We have identified the following queries in order to show the system's basic functionalities. In the following sections title we wrote the basic requirements for every query, that, for ease of read, are represented as SQL clauses.

5.2.1. Query 1 - WHERE, JOIN

This query returns the type of the venue of an article with the following title: "Locality Sensitive Outlier Detection: A ranking driven approach".

Description: starting from the articles dataframe, a join is performed with the venues dataframe on the article's **venue_raw** field. After that, we filter the articles with the given title. Finally, we project over title, venue raw and venue type.

5.2.2. Query 2 - WHERE, LIMIT, LIKE

This query returns the articles whose title string contains "Machine Learning".

Description: we filter the articles whose title contains "Machine Learning" using the like operator. Results are then limited to 3 tuples and projected over the article title.

5.2.3. Query 3 - WHERE, IN, NESTED QUERY

This query finds authors that has the same nationality of at least one of the authors of "Locality Sensitive Outlier Detection: A ranking driven approach" article.

Description: this query has been splitted in 2 queries:

- First query: articles are filtered to find the article with the given title. After that, the authors array is exploded to perform a join on its idAuth field with the authors dataframe. Finally, nationalities of the article's authors are collected into a list using the collect_set.
 - collect_set, as the name suggests, discards duplicates, so the final list is a set of nationalities.
- Second query: starting from the authors' dataframe, we filtered all the authors whose nationality is present inside the list created with the previous query.

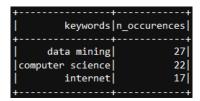
++					
name	nationality				
+	++				
Ye Wang	dk				
Srinivasan Parthasarathy	ljp l				
Shirish Tatikonda	gr				
Moshe Zukerman	ljp l				
Michael Wiegand	ljp l				
GeunSik Jo	jp				
Carla Achury	gr				
Kong-Aik Lee	jp				
Shahram Shah-Heydari	gr				
Wenfang Tan	dk				
Ayoub Alsarhan	gr				
Anjali Agarwal	ljp l				
David Haccoun	jp				
Silvio Macedo	dk				
John Wan Tung Lee	gr				
Geoff Holmes	dk				
Zornitsa Kozareva	ljp l				
Peter Murray-Rust	jp				
Rajkumar Buyya	ljp l				
Srikumar Venugopal	ljp l				
+	+				
only showing top 20 rows					

5.2.4. Query 4 - GROUP BY, JOIN, AS

This query finds the 3 most frequent keywords of articles written by italian authors.

Description: starting from the authors dataframe, we keep only italian authors and explode the articles field, renaming the new obtained field to articles. After that, duplicates are discarded.

In the second part of the query, we load the full articles's rows using a join. Then, keywords array is exploded. Keywords are grouped and counted. The groups are finally sorted and limited to show the top 3 keywords.



5.2.5. Query 5 - WHERE, GROUP BY

This query finds the cities with more than 65 venues.

Description: the venues dataframe is grouped with respect to the city to perform the count. After that, we keep only cities with more than 65 venues and sort the result in descending order.

```
+----+
| city|count|
+----+
| Paris| 78|
|Istanbul| 72|
| Vienna| 68|
| Riga| 68|
| Tbilisi| 66|
```

5.2.6. Query 6 - GROUP BY, HAVING, AS

This query finds the field of studies that appears more than 15 times.

Description: We use the explode function to convert the fos array into multiple rows, then we rename the resulting column to fos, group by fos and count the number of occurrences.

After that, we keep rows with more than 15 occurrences, sort the remaining rows in descending order based on the number of occurrences, and show the top rows.

```
.groupby("fos")\
.agg(f.count("fos").alias("n_occurencies"))\
.filter(f.col("n_occurencies") > 15)\
.sort("n_occurencies", ascending=False)\
.show(truncate=False)
```

+	++				
l fos	n_occurencies				
t					
Computer science	3988				
Artificial intelligence	1246				
Mathematics	1194				
Algorithm	575				
Computer network	452				
Computer vision	395				
Distributed computing	388				
Engineering	374				
Pattern recognition	333				
Data mining	327				
Theoretical computer science	326				
Discrete mathematics	294				
Mathematical optimization	293				
World Wide Web	264				
Machine learning	263				
Combinatorics	239				
Control theory	227				
Information retrieval	222				
Programming language	217				
Knowledge management	203				
+	++				
only showing top 20 rows					

5.2.7. Query 7 - WHERE, GROUP BY, HAVING, AS

This query finds all the volumes with at least 5 articles in the dataset, published after 2000.

Description: This query filters the articles in the articles dataframe to only those published after the year 2000, then groups the remaining articles by venue_raw and volume, counts the number of articles per group, filters the groups to only those with more than 4 articles, and finally displays the results.

```
df_articles\
    .filter(f.col("year") > 2000)\
    .groupby("venue_raw", "volume")\
    .agg(f.count("volume").alias("num_articles"))\
    .filter(f.col("num_articles") > 4)\
    .show(truncate = False)
```

```
|volume|num articles
venue raw
Applied Mathematics and Computation 218
                                             15
Pattern Recognition
                                             5
Expert Syst. Appl.
                                      39
                                             |5
Applied Mathematics and Computation 217
IEICE Transactions
                                      97-A
                                             |5
Expert Syst. Appl.
                                     137
                                             15
```

5.2.8. Query 8 - WHERE, NESTED QUERY, GROUP BY

The following query is divided in two queries:

- 8a. find the venue with highest number of articles
- 8b. find the number of articles published per year on that venue

Description: the basic functionalities of the two queries are the following

- the first query selects the top venue from the venue dataframe based on the size of the artIds attribute
- the *second query* filters articles with the selected **venue_raw**, groups the articles by year, and counts the number of articles in each group. Finally, it displays the results projecting over top_venue, year and articles_count

5.2.9. Query 9 - WHERE, GROUP BY, HAVING, 1 JOIN

The following query finds the articles, published after 2000, with more than 13 different nationalities of its authors.

Description: this query filters the articles dataframe by year, exploding the authors array idAuth field (note that authors is an array of struct elements with 2 fields). After that, it joins the result with the authors dataframe, groups the articles by id and counts the number of distinct nationalities among the authors. It finally filters the results to include only articles with more than 13 different nationalities and orders the results in descending order, displaying the title of the article, the list of nationalities and their count.

```
df_articles_nationalities = df_articles.alias("art") \
                                 .filter(f.col("year") > 2000)\
                                 .select("art._id","art.title", f.explode
                                     ("art.authors.idAuth").alias("author
                                     "))\
                                 .join(df_authors.alias("auth"), on=f.col
                                     ("author") == df_authors._id)\
                                 .groupBy("art._id")\
                                 .agg(f.first("title").alias("title"),f.
                                     countDistinct("nationality").alias("
                                     different_nationalities"), f.
                                     collect_set("nationality").alias("
                                     nationalities_list"))\
                                 .filter(f.col("different_nationalities")
                                 .orderBy("different_nationalities",
                                     ascending=False) \
```

5.2.10. Query 10 - WHERE, GROUP BY, HAVING, 2 JOINS

This query finds all the authors that published on more than 2 Journals.

Description: starting from the authors dataframe, we explode the articles array, creating a new field named article. After that, we join the results with the articles collection and then with the venues collection. Then, we filter the results to keep only articles written on journals (type 1) and group by the author id. Finally, we count the number of distinct venues in each group (collecting in a list all the venues of the group), and keep only the groups with more than 2 venues.

```
df_exploded_authors = df_authors.alias("auth")\
                          .select("auth._id","auth.name", f.explode("auth.
                                       articles").alias("article"))\
                           .join(df_articles.alias("art"), on=f.col("
                                       article") == df_articles._id)\
                           .select("auth._id","auth.name","art._id","art.
                                       venue_raw") \
                           .join(df_venues.alias("ven"), on=f.col("
                                       venue_raw") == df_venues.raw) \
                           .filter(f.col("type") == 1)\
                          .groupBy("auth._id")\
                           .agg(f.first("name").alias("name"),f.
                                       countDistinct("raw").alias("
                                       venue_count"),f.concat_ws(" - ",f.
                                       collect_set("raw")).alias("
                                       venues_list"))\
                          .filter(f.col("venue_count") > 2)\
                           .orderBy("venue_count", ascending=False).show(3,
10
                                       truncate=False)
```

5.2.11. Query 11 - EXTRA

This query returns all the articles written by authors whose names combined have all 26 letters of the alphabet.

Description: The query starts with exploding articles for each author. Then, the grouping combined with the collect retrieves, for each article, the list of its authors, then several operation are applied on this list in order to obtain the different letters that are present in the list of authors. After that, a filter to keep only the ones that have all the 26 letters of the alphabet in it is applied, and the result is joined with articles to obtain the title. Finally, a projection is used to display the title and the list of authors in alphabetical order.

```
ititle | authoritist | authoritist | differentiations | differentiations | differentiations | distributed | differentiations | distributed | d
```

5.2.12. Query 12 - EXTRA

This query returns all articles written in affiliation with *Politecnico of Milano*.

Description: the query starts by exploding the authors array field in the article, creating

the new affiliation attribute. Articles that contain at least one of the desired organization (the same article could be written in collaboration with different universities) are kept. Then, a join with the authors collection is executed to retrieve the name of the author.

```
df_articles\
    .select("title",f.explode("authors").alias("affiliation"))\
    .filter(f.col("affiliation.org").like("%Poli%Mil%"))\
    .join(df_authors, on=f.col("affiliation.idAuth") == df_authors._id)
    .select("title", "name", "affiliation.org") \
    .orderBy("title","name")\
    .show(truncate=False)
```

```
| The Fire and the Mountain': tangible and social interaction in a morae enhibition for children | France Garcette | Practice and the Mountain': tangible and social interaction in a morae enhibition for children | Frances Garcette | Practice Garc
```